

Hus Happenings

January 2008



Sunday School

There **will** be Sunday school on January 13th & 20th.

No Sunday school on January 27th due to the Annual Congregational Meeting. Sunday school will resume on February 3rd.



Annual reports are due to the office on Sunday, January 13th.



Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after service on Sunday, January 27th.

Ordination/Installation of Church Officers will be held on Sunday, January 6th during worship service.

Per Capita for 2008 is \$27.00.

PULPIT FILLS FOR JANUARY

- 6th** Rev. Cheryl McCullough
13th Joyce Faltis-Serenil
20th Christopher Doyle
27th Rev. Cheryl McCullough

January Birthdays

- 2nd Denise Cisler
3rd Agnes Gilbert
4th Cathi Havel
5th Mac McLaskey
7th Marcy Page
10th Janet Ransom
11th Milton Polehna
11th Jeremiah Peal
12th Evelyn Hagen
16th Sue Roth
18th Cindy Page
27th Jim Hutton
27th Adam Currie
27th Mike Hebert Jr.
28th Alan Tichy



January Anniversaries

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| 8 th | Carl & Mary Landergott | 58 years |
| 8 th | George & Marie Swenka | 66 years |



This Busy Day

Today is a gift
From God above
With time for our work
And time for love.

When work pushes hard
And haste wants to shove,
That's just when we need
To share more Love.

—Peggy Ferrell

Transportation provided by the Deacons

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

Hus E-mail address: huschurch@huschurch.org
Website: www.huschurch.org

Officers for class of 2008 – 2009 - 2010

Session

2008	2009	2010
Dolores Miessner	Doug Page	Judy McLaskey
Anne McDill	Marcia Funcke	Dick Ransom
Joyce McGivern	Jean White	Bonnie Tichy

Deacons

2008	2009	2010
Wendy Barton	Jim Hutton	Cathi Havel
Amanda Trotman	Melissa Pierce	Lois Wegner
Grace Ford	Lisa McAtee <i>(to finish vacant term)</i>	Joan Cross
Anita Koopman	Marilyn Hess <i>(to finish vacant term)</i>	JoAnne Hebert

Trustees

2008	2009	2010
Don McDill	Eldie Svoboda	Alan Tichy
Vince Theiss	Dot Harrelson	Clarence Walton
Mike Hebert <i>(to finish vacant term)</i>	Mitchell Trotman	Jack Funcke

New Year's Time Killers Inventory

3 strategies help me stay focused and on task.

by Richard Doeblar

It was one of those defining moments—a moment of enlightenment. I was 18 and wanted to entertain my 5-year-old brother, so I offered to take him to the rides at the county fair. With twenty-one dollars in my pocket, I was the model big brother.

Through the gate into the fairgrounds we went, past the farm implements, livestock barns, hot dog and popcorn stands, craft buildings with jams and quilts. We had one thing on our minds: the rides. The towering Ferris wheel marked our destination.



Unfortunately, we didn't make it. A distraction diverted us.

Just past the gaming area I heard a hawker call my name. Or so I thought. I spun around to see who was calling, and a man in a booth beckoned me over.

Suffice it to say that within five minutes he had most of my money, and I was still five points away from winning the stuffed panda.

That's when I came to my senses. I was angry at the hawker, but mostly I was angry with myself. I'd lost 17 dollars and several rides for my brother. But I learned a lesson: Distractions can sidetrack you from your goal.

The Bible tells us to live wisely by making the most of our opportunities and by understanding God's will: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is" (Eph. 5:15-17).

Three time-management principles emerge from these verses:

1. Know your destination.

Discover God's will and purpose, and you'll use your time more effectively. If God wants us in Dallas, we're wasting our time traveling to the Grand Canyon or the rocky faces of Mount Rushmore.

Too often we spend months or even years moving in one direction, when in retrospect it becomes clear that God was nudging us in another direction. Knowing the will of God is easier said than done. It requires discernment. It requires prayer. And it may require the insight of a spiritually astute friend who knows us well, and who recognizes the work of God.

Here at the beginning of a new year, mark out some time to consider your destination and the destination of your ministry. What do you know about the direction it appears God has your ministry headed? Is it the destination you are suited for? Are you excited about it? Or do you need clarification?

Now is a time to correct your path to reach your stated destination or change your destination entirely.

2. Make the most of every opportunity.

Bear Bryant, Alabama's famous football coach, told of his early days coaching at Kentucky. His team fumbled the ball in front of the bench, and in the resulting scramble someone kicked over a box

containing eight more footballs. A free-for-all ensued, with Tennessee recovering five balls and Kentucky four. The officials gave possession to Tennessee. The moral: When the ball comes bouncing your way, grab it. Seize opportunity when it comes along.

We can create opportunities when we have to, but sometimes when we do, we find ourselves involved in work God did not plan for us. If, instead, we determine to be ready for opportunities whenever they come, we save time and we are more likely to act on God-given opportunities.

Are there opportunities that you or your ministry have failed to make the most of? What opportunity is before you now that you have not seen as a chance sent by God?

3. Be careful how you live.

Wiser now, I'm not distracted by hawkers at the fair. But urgent needs still try to distract me from my main purpose and vision. So many preachers complain that people and personality problems eat away at their sermon preparation time, and organizational issues distract from ministry.

When we manage our time effectively, we will work at not allowing the urgent to keep us from what is most important. This requires identifying our priorities and a willingness to say no to those interruptions that are obviously not divine appointments.

Take a few minutes to identify the tasks that are truly central to your ministry. What are you doing to guard them and to protect the time you need to focus on your calling? Who can you enlist to help you stay focused?

We have 527,040 minutes this year (it's a Leap Year). With prayerful planning now, we can begin to redeem the time, before we've wasted a single minute.

Richard Doeblar is a pastor in Cloquet, Minnesota.





A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PART 3 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

ADAPTED FROM A HISTORICAL TREATISE WRITTEN BY CHARLOTTE STELCIK

THE CENTRAL WEST BOHEMIAN PRESBYTERY (cont.)

The fraternal associations in presbyteries worked for the benefit and inspiration of the pastors. The elders and the membership, due to language difficulties, received the spiritual impact of the great Presbyterian Church indirectly through their ministers. To counteract this temporal deficiency all the Bohemian Presbyterian churches in the United States, together with the Independent Reformed churches of Ely, Iowa, and Silver Lake, Minnesota, formed an informal organization called the Evangelical Union. This organization became the training school of the elders and of the members in cooperation among churches. At the first meeting of the Union at Racine, Wisconsin, in 1893, the publication of a Bohemian monthly church paper, "The Union," was agreed upon and the

publication of the paper was committed to Dr. Pisek of New York. In 1896 the weekly Sunday School paper, "The Besidka," very ably edited Dr. Pisek. The publication of the church monthly was discontinued in 1898. The Sunday School paper was taken over by the Presbyterian Board of Publication and then was supplanted by the incomparable English publications of the Board.

On November 1, 1908, a convention of the Bohemian and Reformed Churches in the United States was held in Omaha, Nebraska, to which Hus Memorial church sent a delegate. This was the beginning of an effort to keep all the Czech churches together. The convention met every year in different Czech churches in various states. Out of this evangelical union grew the organization of the Central West Presbytery to which churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota belonged.

The Central West Bohemian Presbytery was established by act of the General Assembly in session at Atlantic City, May 28, 1910, and became part of the Synod of Iowa. In pursuance of the enabling act of the General Assembly the Presbytery was convened by the Rev. Vaclav Hlavaty, pastor of the Bohemian Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at that city on September 12, 1910. In order to secure as full a representation of all churches as possible, the smallest especially, at meetings of the Presbytery, the Presbytery voted a rule to pay out of the Presbytery treasury one-half of the railroad fare to delegated elders and ministers. The rule was fully justified by the returns of hearty cooperation. The educational responsibility was ably led by a line of chairmen of the Sunday School, the Young People, and the Educational Committees. Rev. B. A. Filipi gave the Sunday Schools in the Presbytery a new direction by bringing to the attention of teachers and superintendents the results of the research of the Board of Sunday Schools. The first Sunday School Conference was held at Blue Rapids, Kansas, where it became a biennial institute.

With the exception of Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, the Central West Presbytery was a rural one. At that time the rural churches were centers of spiritual life, not for a single nationality, but for the whole communities where they were located.

Because of Him ~ Terry

PS: As many of you know we have been praying for Regan Harper since I returned from General Assembly in 2006. On December 25, 2007 she went home to be with the Lord. She will be greatly missed. The following is the obituary from the Cincinnati Enquirer on December 29, 2007. If you would like to read more please go to her website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/cb/inputSiteName.do?method=search&siteName=reganharper>

HARPER Regan Faith, beloved daughter of Scott E. and Linda J. Harper, passed away December 25, 2007 at 5 years of age. Also cherished by sisters, Noelle Margaret and Lily Jean, grandparents, Marsha Reed (Scott), David Petrie, Ron and Carol Harper, aunts, uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends on Monday, December 31, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service 12:00 p.m. at Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 717 Elm Street Downtown. Pastor Russell Smith will officiate. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home (853-1035). Memorials may be made to Star Shine Hospice.

⁴⁻⁵ Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! ⁶⁻⁷ Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. ⁸⁻⁹ Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Philippians 4:4-9 (MSG), Pray About Everything

Upcoming Calendar

January

6 th	No Sunday School
9 th	Movie Night starts at 5:15 PM. Get to the youth room early for a seat, as we will start at 5:15 PM with prayer, pizza, pop, and the movie. Please bring \$3 to help cover cost of the pizza and pop.
16 th	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)
17 th	89.1 The Spirit Family Skate Night, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Super Skate on Northland Ave., Cedar Rapids.
21 st	Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
22 nd	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 8 PM at the Coffee Talk Café.
23 rd	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)
30 th	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)

February

3 rd	Youth serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1st Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids - 4 - 6 PM
6 th	Ash Wednesday Movie Night starts at 5:15 PM. Get to the youth room early for a seat, as we will start at 5:15 PM with prayer, pizza, pop, and the movie. Please bring \$3 to help cover cost of the pizza and pop.
9 th	Hus Racing League (HRL) 2008 Season begins. Registration at 9:30 AM, racing at 10.
12 th	Lincoln's Birthday
13 th	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)
14 th	Valentine's Day
18 th	President's Day
20 th	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)
22 nd	Washington's Birthday
26 th	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 8 PM at the Collins Road Panera Bread
27 th	Youth Group (Meal at 5:15 PM, gather at 5:45 PM)

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible study at 7 AM.

Every Friday:

- ✠ Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School, Room 162 beginning at 7 AM. For more information contact Bob Dye at 393-7996 or email him at bob@eiayfc.com.
- ✠ Marion High School Bible study at 3 PM.

Times subject to change.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

A Moment With God

Dear Lord, please give us...

*A few friends who understand us and remain our friends;
A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;
An understanding heart;
A sense of humor;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these things,
With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.
Amen.*

- Anonymous

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